

George E. Simmons was a native of England, and accepted the message of Mormonism there. His first wife was Charity Waller, and she bore him 11 children. He later married Dora Turner, and she bore him 11 children, the last of whom was stillborn.

George and Dora Simmons were baptized into the LDS Church together, and immediately made plans to come to Utah. George hired out to take care of horses, and would work nights chopping hay and mixing grain for horse feed to get extra funds.



So fervent was he in his testimony of the gospel that he would go with a companion who played a trumpet and while the companion attracted crowds he would preach the gospel to all who would listen.

George and Dora came to Utah in 1876, sailing on the steam ship Lusitania, which sank on its return voyage. They reached Utah in 1876 and went first to Bountiful and then settled in Charleston. A brother-in-law gave George a cow that had been injured, and he nursed it back to health, and eventually was able to sell the cow for a homestead payment. He built a home on the land and here he and his wife reared their children. For many years George raised seed peas and sold them on the Utah market.

At one time he was in the Lake Creek area with his sons hauling timber when the brake on the wagon gave way. The horses ran, and threw George off, disabling him for life. He died in May, 1902 at the age of 74.

Children by his first wife Charity included Elizabeth, Fanny, Joseph, Jesse, Sarah Ann, Ellen, Charity, George, Mary Jane, Harriet and Carolyn (twins).

Children by his second wife, Dora, included Rose, Dora Alice, Joseph Benjamin, John William, Maud Bell, Lilly May, Stephen Andrew, Miriam Bertha, Roy and Jabez (twins) and Phylis, stillborn.

